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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims.

(Currently Amended) A sound reproduction system comprising: 1. a digital audio signal input; 2 a digital audio signal processor; 3 a digital audio signal output, 4 a sensor for measuring that measures a background noise level, and 5 an element having as an input the measured noise level and as an output a 6 HP cut-off frequency, wherein the HP cut-off frequency increases as the background 7 noise level increases, and a LP cut-off frequency decreases as the HP cut-off 8 frequency increases, and wherein the digital audio signal processor comprises: 9 a high pass (HP) filter, with a HP frequency (f), that filters a signal, 10 an amplifier for a signal that amplifies the filtered signal by the HP 11 filter, 12 a low pass (LP) filter, with a LP frequency (f'), that filters the amplified 13 signal after amplification by the amplifier and for providing provides an 14 output signal, 15 an establisher that establishes either the HP frequency or the LP 16 frequency, and 17

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a matcher that matches the HP frequency and the LP frequency of the
HP filter and the LP filter respectively to each other.

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- 3. (Previously Presented) A sound reproduction system as claimed in claim 1,
- 2 further comprising:
- a single LP filter with a variable cut-off frequency.
- 4. (Previously Presented) A sound reproduction system as claimed in claim 1,
- 2 further comprising:
- a set of LP filters with a different LP cut-off frequency, wherein the matcher
- 4 is arranged to send the signal after amplification to one of the set of LP filters, in
- 5 dependence on the HP cut-off frequency.
- 5. (Previously Presented) A sound reproduction system as claimed in claim 1,
- wherein the establisher is arranged for establishing the cut-off frequency of the HP
- filter in dependence on the average amplification in the amplification stage.
- 6. (Previously Presented) A sound reproduction system as claimed in claim 1,
- wherein the establisher is arranged to set the cut-off frequency f of the LP filter at

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 $_{3}$ $f_{s}/2$, wherein f_{s} is a sample frequency and the matcher matches the HP frequency f

- 4 to the LP frequency f'.
- 7. (Previously Presented) A sound reproduction system as claimed in claim 6,
- 2 further comprising:

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- a single HP filter with a variable cut-off frequency.
- 8. (Currently Amended) A sound reproduction system as claimed in claim 6,
- 2 further comprising:
- a set of HP filters with a different HP cut-off frequency, and-wherein the
- 4 matcher is arranged to send the signal before amplification to one of the set of HP
- 5 filters, in dependence on the LP cut-off frequency.
- 9. (Original) A sound reproduction system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
- 2 HP cut-off frequency (f) is a frequency between 300 Hz and 2 kHz.
- 10. (Original) A sound reproduction system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the LP
- cut-off frequency lies above 2 kHz and f_s/2, where f_s is a sample frequency.
 - 11. (Currently Amended) A digital audio signal processor comprising:
 - a high pass (HP) filter, with a HP frequency (f), that filters a signal;

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an amplifier for a signal that amplifies the filtered signal by the HP filter;

and

a low pass (LP) filter, with a LP frequency (f), that filters the <u>amplified</u> signal after amplification by the amplifier and provides an output signal:[[,]]

an establisher that establishes <u>either</u> the HP frequency or the LP frequency:[[,]]

a matcher that matches the HP frequency and the LP frequency respectively to each other;[[,]]

a sensor for measuring background noise level, and

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an element having as an input the a measured noise level from a sensor, the sensor measuring a background noise level, and, as an output, a HP cut-off frequency, wherein the HP cut-off frequency increases as the background noise level increases, and a LP cut-off frequency decreases as the HP cut-off frequency increases.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for processing digital sound signals in a digital audio signal processor, the method comprising:

using a high pass filter to remove wherein-frequency components below a HP cut-off frequency f-are removed prior to amplification, thereby producing a filtered signal in the digital audio signal processor;

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using a low pass filter to remove and, after amplification, frequency 8 components above a LP cut-off frequency from the amplified signal; are removed, 9 using a matcher to match wherein the values of the HP cut-off frequency and 10 the LP cut-off frequency f; are matched, and 11 using a sensor to measure a background noise level; and 12

in dependence on the measured noise level

adapting a HP cut-off frequency to the measured noise level, wherein the HP cut-off frequency increases as the background noise level increases, and a LP cut-off frequency decreases as the HP cut-off frequency increases.

wherein a noise level (N) is measured and the HP cut-off frequency f is determined

using an amplifier to amplify the filtered signal, thereby producing an

- (Original) A method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the HP cut-off frequency 13. lies between 300 and 2 kHz.
- 14-16. (Canceled)